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externally outputting the digital image and the
signature data;

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signature data;

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performing [the] a second predetermined calculation
using [with the use of] the digital image and the confidential
information; and

determining whether the digital image has been
modified, using [with the use of] the signature data and a result
of the second predetermined calculation [whether the digital
image has been modified].

REMARKS

By the above amendments, the specification and claims
have been amended as to matters of form only, correcting minor
typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter has been
added. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are
respectfully requested.

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